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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of former
4 State Representative Mary Jeanne "Dolly" Hallstrom of Evanston
5 on Wednesday, August 2, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Jeanne Louise DeBats was born in East Orange,
7 New Jersey, on December 21, 1924; she attended Catholic
8 boarding school and moved to Chicago to study nursing at Loyola
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, She received the nickname "Dolly" from her
11 husband, Gordon Hallstrom, whom she met in the mid-1940s; they
12 married in 1946; he preceded her in death; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Hallstrom first began working to help children
14 with disabilities in 1955, when she was a member of the North
15 Shore Junior Women's Club; beginning in 1968, she served for
16 two years as a member of the federal White House Conference
17 Commission on Mental Health; and

18 WHEREAS, She was elected to the General Assembly in 1978
19 and later served on the Illinois Human Rights Commission,
20 having been reappointed in 2003; and

21 WHEREAS, The passing of Mary Jeanne "Dolly" Hallstrom has
22 been deeply felt by many, especially her children, Gordon
23 Timothy Hallstrom and Amy Bejarano; her grandson, Etienne
24 (Shelli) Bejarano; and her future great-grandchild, Cooper
25 Riley; she was the sister-in-law of Alice Hallstrom and Jean
26 Ligocki and the fond aunt of seven nieces and nephews;
27 therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
29 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of former State Representative Mary Jeanne
2 "Dolly" Hallstrom, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her
3 family, her friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to her family as an expression of our sincerest
7 condolences.